Unconfused Biden Quotes Pope Who Called Free Market Capitalism “Magic Theories”

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Trump is becoming more and more desperate to paint Biden as a doddering old fool. While it is a case of the pot calling the kettle orange for Trump to point this fact out, it is also true that taking post clips out of context is not a good look. And the Trump campaign has been doing this more and more. The most recent was when Biden quoted the Pope’s newest encyclical Fratelli Tutti: “Why am I doing this? Why? What is my real aim?”. The context is political leaders engaging in ‘phony populism’ and posturing while not actually helping their people but instead their own selfish ends. I don’t agree with the pope much, but he is absolutely right here. Our entire political system is based on theater, of which Joe Biden is an almost worse example than Trump in some ways.

Piggybacking on the quote, the Pope also pointed out the failures of capitalist economics which the Covid pandemic has brought into stark focus. He called fragile and roiled with injustices. The ‘magic theories’ of free marketism has been laid bare by the inability of countries to adequately aid their people. One can certainly criticize the various national and global responses to Covid. However, if one is willing to accept the reality of business closures and lockdowns, one must also conclude relief efforts are necessary, such as UBI, bailouts for small businesses, rent/debt/utility payment freezes to avoid evictions and Medicare for All.

No one, not Bernie Sanders, nor Donald Trump or Joe Biden or Kamala Harris or Mike Pence or any national or local politician of note will call for these basic economic stimuli for the American people. Instead, they all increase the military budget, foreign wars, bailouts for corporations/banks and the transfer of what is left of middle- and working-class wealth to the richest oligarchs who fund their campaigns. Capitalism is evil and unjust. It needs to be replaced be an anti-materialist and anti-Pareto system.

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